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SUBJECT: EPA/PORTSALL ECOLOGICAL EFFECTS STUDY

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1. ADMINISTRATOR DOUGLAS COSTLE MET YESTERDAY WITH PROFESSOR JOHN LASSITER TO HEAR LASSITER'S VIEWS ON FORMATION OF AMOCO-FUNDED COMMISSION TO OVERSEE POST-SPILL RESEARCH. WHILE EPA WILLING TO LISTEN TO PROPOSAL ON THIS SUBJECT, IT IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT AGENCY WILL PARTICIPATE AS MIDDLE MAN IN ORGANIZATION FUNDED BY THE MAJOR POLLUTER IN THIS CASE.

2. EPA CONSIDERING ASSIGNMENT OF FOUR PROFESSIONALS FOR AN ADDITIONAL TWO WEEKS TO STUDY ECOLOGICAL EFFECTS OF SPILL AT PORTSALL. TO WHAT EXTENT WOULD GOF WELCOME ADDITIONAL RESEARCHERS IN THIS AREA? PROFESSIONAL MAKEUP OF TEAM WOULD BE AS FOLLOWS: THREE ECOLOGISTS (AQUATIC, BENTHIC, GENERAL) AND A CHEMIST.

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3. FYI: EPA IS DISCUSSING FORMATION OF LONGER TERM FOLLOW-UP STUDIES WITH OTHER INTERESTED AGENCIES. VANCE

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